

Regional Seminar on Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA and Supporting Statistics in the Latin American and Caribbean Region

17-18 September 2013

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Draft Agenda

Tuesday 17 September 2013

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

I. Opening (45 min)

Brief opening statements will be made on the need for the development of a common strategic vision and programme of work on the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics by the hosts and lead country. Also, UNSD and the regional organisations will add the international and regional perspectives to the objectives of the regional seminar in initiating the drafting of the strategic vision and programme of work on the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics. The opening will also be used to underline the benefits of moving over to the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics in a global economy with internal and cross boundary vulnerabilities.

Opening Remarks:

- IBGE
- UNSD
- ECLAC

Objectives of the Seminar

Adoption of agenda

Introduction of participants and administrative announcements

II. Developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics (45 min)

The institutional process and assessment and reporting tools for the development of a programme of implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics will be set out. Particular attention will be given to the stages in undertaking a system wide consultation, outreach and involvement of the major data producers and users, the coordinating role of the NSO, the required resource mobilisation for the programme and the possible external technical assistance required.

Presentation

- UNSD

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 13:00 Second Session

II. Developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics (*continued*) (60 min)

Presentation

- ECLAC

Discussions

III. Country presentations (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

Each participating country will make a presentation on an overview of the main policy issues and their relationship with the scope and detail of the national accounts framework, as well as an overview of current compilation practices, new requirements by economic activity and institutional sector, and statistical and institutional actions to remedy shortcomings as described in the note prepared by the countries for the meeting.

Presentations (tbc)

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

III. Country presentations (*continued*)

Presentations (tbc)

Ecuador

Guatemala

Jamaica

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 18:00 Fourth Session

III. Country presentations (*continued*)

Presentations (tbc)

Mexico

Peru

Uruguay

Venezuela

IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

This session will offer presentations by UNSD and the lead country on the application of the integrated economic statistics approach to the statistical production process taking into account the institutional environment and the main elements of the statistical production process such as the statistical business registers, surveys and administrative sources, dissemination and communication methods.

Presentations

UNSD

- Integrated economic statistics - the guidelines

Statistics Canada

- Integrated economic statistics – Statistics Canada's experience

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IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach (*continued*)

Presentations

IBGE- overview

- Classification (ISIC Rev 4)
- Surveys (Quarterly and annual surveys)
- Use of administrative data sources
- Use of government finance statistics
- Exhaustive measure of GDP

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Second Session

V. The scope and detail of the national accounts required for effective policy purposes

This session will be used to present the progressive multiple policy uses of the statistics, accounts and tables of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics with the extended scope and detail as recommended and required by the Minimum Required Data Set (MRDS). The discussion will allow the participants further insight in developing a more articulate outreach programme for the senior policy makers and analysts in their countries.

Presentations

UNSD

- The policy use of national accounts
- MRDS

Countries

- Present selected issues for discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

VI. Discussion on selected issues on 2008 SNA implementation

Based on the results of the capacity screening exercise, participants will discuss specific topics and issues related to the conceptual implementation of the 2008 SNA that need to be addressed in the respective countries. Brief presentations to introduce the main issues concerning those topics will be made. The specific topics to be covered are: exhaustive coverage of the GDP taking into account the measurement of the informal sector and production for own final use. The relevant conceptual issues related to the change over to the 2008 SNA will also be discussed.

Presentations

- Selected issues of the 2008 SNA – Bureau of Economic Analysis' experience

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session

VII. Way forward

This session will allow for reaching a broad agreement on the actions to be taken at the national, sub-regional, regional and international level to ensure that mutually reinforcing actions will advance the formulation and implementation of a multi-year national and sub-regional programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics.

VIII. Closing